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MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

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1. HIJZEN, EC COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (EXTERNAL RELATIONS), HAS NOW RESPONDED TO OUR JANUARY 28 EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE EC TO AGREE TO FLEXIBILITY IN THE OECD AGRICULTURAL STUDY (REFTEL A).

2. ON FEBRUARY 14 HIJZEN FURNISHED THE MISSION IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED MANDATE FOR THE STUDY WHICH THE COMMISSION STAFF HAD WORKED OUT ON THE BASIS OF THE POINTS WE HAD MADE. HIJZEN SAID WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE TEXT PRIVILEGED AND PROVISIONAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE MEMBER STATES.

3. BEOW IS AN INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION OF THE COMMISSION'S FRENCH TEXT:

BEGIN TEXT: THE SUTDY'S OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO ELUCIDATE
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THE PROBABLE TENDENCIES IN WORLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR THE

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (GRAINS, ANIMAL FEEDSTUFFS AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS) IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS.

IT WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE HYPOTHESIS OF THE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING POLICIES AND WILL BE BASED ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE PRINCIPAL FACTORS WHICH DETERMINE THESE TENDENCIES, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION AND OF RESOURCES, TRADE, PRICES, STOCKS, PROBLEMS OF AID AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIPS. END TEXT.

4. HIJZEN SAID HE HOPED THE ABOVE FORMULATION WOULD MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. HE COMMENTED THAT THE WORD "RESOURCES" WAS INTENDED TO COVER OUR INTEREST IN INVESTMENT AND FERTILIZERS. THE EC DELEGATION TO THE OECD WILL DISCUSS THE TEXT WITH THE OECD SECRETARIAT IN A FEW DAYS, AFTER HAVING CLEARED IT WITH THE MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS. MYERSON

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